

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer-implemented method for facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract, the method comprising:
receiving informational data descriptive of a scholarship candidate;
receiving investment criteria;
analyze the informational data according to the investment criteria; and
presenting the analysis of the informational data according to the investment criteria.
2. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of receiving an investment instruction to make funds available according to terms of a scholarship contract.
3. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of modeling an expected return on investment according to the scholarship contract terms and expectations for future performance of the scholarship candidate.
4. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the steps of calculating a success rating indicative of the scholarship candidate's expected performance.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the success rating is calculated according to a success algorithm.
6. The method of claim 2 additionally comprising the step of executing a transaction responsive to the investment instruction received.
7. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the steps of:
forming an investment vehicle comprising a portfolio of scholarship contracts; and
receiving an investment instruction to make an investment in the investment vehicle.
8. The method of claim 6 wherein the investment vehicle is a limited liability company.
9. The method of step 2 additionally comprising the steps of:
tracking scholarship candidate status and fulfillment of contract terms; and
allocating contract fulfillment funds according to associated contract terms.
10. The method of step 5 additionally comprising the steps of:
tracking scholarship candidate status;
inputting data descriptive of the scholarship candidate status; and

refining the algorithm responsive to the input data descriptive of the scholarship candidate status.

11. The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of:
presenting the informational data via a graphical user interface.
12. A computer implemented method for administering a financial product so that the financial product can be traded as a security, the price of which can be determined on the basis of information about a scholarship contract, the method comprising the steps of:
identifying a portfolio of scholarship contracts;
receiving informational data relating to the portfolio of scholarship contracts; and
determining a price of the financial product on the basis of the informational data.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the portfolio a single scholarship contract.
14. The method of claim 12 additionally comprising the step of calculating a price for an option to purchase the financial product.
15. The method of claim 14 wherein the price of the option relates to a calculated annual income associated with a scholarship candidate that is party to the scholarship contract.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein the option reflects a decreased value for the annual income as compared to a current value.
17. The method of claim 15 wherein the option reflects an increased value for the annual income as compared to a current value.
18. A method of facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract, the method comprising:
forming an investment vehicle;
receiving informational data relating to scholarship contracts;
transferring money into the investment vehicle;
analyzing the informational data received; and
causing the investment vehicle to make an investment in a scholarship contract responsive to the analysis.
19. The method of claim 18 additionally comprising tracking a membership interest in the underlying investment vehicle commensurate with a capital contribution to the underlying investment vehicle.
20. The method of claim 18 wherein the investment vehicle is a charitable lead annuity trust.

21. The method of claim 20 additionally comprising the steps of:
combining expected returns from investment in the scholarship contract with yield requirements of the charitable lead annuity trust; and
displaying a model of financial investment wherein the model includes a charitable lead annuity trust funded by the expected returns from investment in the scholarship contract and relates to an investment objective.
22. The method of claim 20 additionally comprising tracking distribution of funds to a predetermined beneficiary upon expiration of a lead term of the charitable lead annuity trust.
23. A computer implemented method for facilitating investment in a scholarship candidate, the method comprising:
creating a contract with terms designating a return on investment commensurate with a scholarship candidate's future success;
storing the terms of the contract on a computer server;
presenting the terms of the contract via a graphical user interface; and
receiving an instruction designating a party to the contract.
24. A computer system for facilitating a financial investment in one or more scholarship candidates, the system comprising:
a computer server accessible with a network access device via a communication network;
and
executable software stored on the server and executable on demand via the network access device, the software operative with the server to cause the server to:
receive data descriptive of an investment scholarship candidate;
present the data to a potential scholarship investor; and
receive an instruction to make an investment in a scholarship contract to which the scholarship candidate is a party.
25. The computer system of claim 24, wherein the software is additionally operative to execute a financial transaction responsive to the instruction received.
26. The computer system of claim 24 additionally comprising a WEB interface for accessing the executable software stored on the server storage medium.

27. Computer executable program code residing on a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising instructions for causing the computer to:
receive data descriptive of an investment scholarship candidate;
present the data to a potential scholarship investor; and
receive an instruction to make an investment in a scholarship contract to which the scholarship candidate is a party.
28. The computer executable program code of claim 27, wherein the program code additionally comprises instructions for causing the computer to track investment made in a scholarship candidate over a period of time.
29. A computer-implemented method for facilitating financial investment in a scholarship contract, the method comprising:
entering into an initial scholarship contract;
commencing fulfillment of terms contained in the scholarship contract;
allocating money collected as a result of the fulfillment of terms contained in the scholarship contract; and
designating a scholarship candidate to receive a subsequent scholarship contract utilizing the allocated money.